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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director for Support

**SUBJECT** : Security Review Committee

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval; such recommendation is contained in paragraph 3.


2. Attached is a copy of a memorandum to all Members of the Security Review Committee from Mr. William H. Rehnquist, Chairman of the Committee, setting forth the procedure to be followed to carry out the tasks assigned by the President. The last paragraph of this memorandum contains the following requests:

"In addition to the foregoing outstanding assignments, Tom Latimer states that the President has expressed concern for the manner in which those members of the government outside of the executive branch -- primarily, of course, congressional personnel -- are regulated in their access to classified material. This inquiry includes the method of original clearance, and the method by which such clearance is revoked or terminated at the time the particular person leaves congressional employment. Would each of you, speaking for your agency, submit a memorandum to me no later than the time of the Tuesday meeting outlining your agency's procedures in this regard."

DOJ review(s) completed.

3. Also attached for your approval is the proposed reply to Chairman Rehnquist's request.

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Howard J. Osborn  
Director of Security

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**CONCURRENCE:**

**S I G N E D**

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John M. Maury  
Legislative Counsel

**5 AUG 1971**

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(Date)

The recommendation in paragraph 3 is approved.

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John W. Coffey  
Deputy Director  
for Support

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(Date)

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August 3, 1971

MEMORANDUM TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

The first of August having come and gone, I think it probably desirable that we move as quickly as possible to carry out the task assigned to us by the President. To this end, I suggest the following procedure:

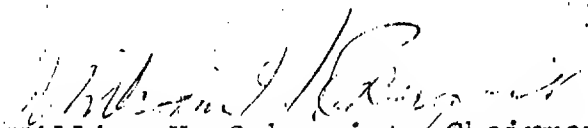
(a) The pending subcommittee submissions, dealing respectively with a re-examination of the DOD Working Group's recommendations as to classification, declassification, and downgrading, the recommendation of a procedure for declassifying information relating to major historical events, and the English experience with the Official Secrets Act (coupled with Justice recommendations as to comparable safeguards in this country) be circulated by those responsible to all Committee members not later than noon on Friday, August 6;

(b) The Committee plan to meet some time on Tuesday, August 10th (my secretary will call and ascertain the most convenient time) for a review of the submissions, and the formulation of final recommendations to the White House;

(c) Final recommendations to the White House be drafted, on the basis of the Tuesday discussion, for presentation to the Committee at a meeting some time on Friday, August 13 (my secretary will again call to ascertain the most convenient time).

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William H. Rehnquist, Chairman  
Security Review Committee

cc: Howard C. Brown, Jr.  
AEC

Joseph J. Liebling  
DOD

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William D. Blair, Jr.  
State

Thomas K. Latimer  
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6 AUG 1971

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William H. Rehnquist**  
**Chairman, Security Review Committee**

**SUBJECT : Control of Access to Classified Material**

1. This memorandum is in response to your request for information on the disclosure of classified information to members of the Government outside the Executive Branch--primarily Congressional personnel. The term "Congressional personnel" as used in this memorandum refers only to non-elected personnel. We do not investigate or process security clearances for elected members of the Congress.

2. In each instance of release a "need-to-know" determination is made by an appropriate official. Following this determination, necessary steps are taken to determine whether the required clearance can be granted. An affirmative determination must be made on both requirements before classified information is released.

3. In particular reference to your inquiry on Congressional personnel, the initial determination of "need-to-know" is made by the CIA Office of Legislative Counsel. If Agency records reflect that favorable investigative material is on file, the appropriate clearance is granted. In those instances where this Agency has no record of a recent investigation, arrangements are made through the Department of Defense for the issuance of a Department of Defense clearance which this Agency honors.

4. If the Office of Legislative Counsel determines that there is a requirement for Special Intelligence or codeword material, the request is evaluated by this Agency under the guidelines of DCID 1/14.

5. Once a staff member has been cleared, he is briefed and a secrecy agreement is signed and recorded with this Agency. When in the opinion of the Office of Legislative Counsel the individual no longer requires such clearances, he is debriefed by the Office of Legislative Counsel and this fact is recorded in this Agency's records.

6. The regulations of this Agency require that no employee will give testimony before a committee of the Congress without prior authorization from the Director of Central Intelligence. All classified material released outside the Executive Branch bears the following warning notice:

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